

HOUSE No. 1172

By Mr. Larkin of Pittsfield, petition of Peter J. Larkin and Joyce A. Spiliotis relative to dress codes in the public schools. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DRESS CODES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Offi-
2 cial Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 83 and
3 inserting in place thereof the following:—
4 Section 83. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 82, the
5 school committee of each city, town, or regional school district,
6 after consultation with school councils in the city, town, or
7 regional school district, may adopt a code of personal dress and
8 appearance for students in schools within the city, town, or
9 regional district. Any such code of personal dress and appearance
10 shall be included in the official student handbook, or distributed to
11 each student and his parent or legal guardian at the start of each
12 school year, or upon enrollment, whichever occurs first, or both.